

Example:

1. Bilge separator is rated at $2\text{m}^3/\text{hr}$;
2. Net volume needed for the test: Volume of test water:
 $2\text{m}^3 \times 3 \text{ hours} = 6\text{m}^3$;
3. Volume test Fluid C: 6 percent of test water = $0.06 \times 6\text{m}^3 = 0.36\text{m}^3$;
4. Actual volume to be prepared:
 - a. Volume of Test Fluid C to be prepared: 1.2 times of the
 Net Volume of Test Fluid C = $1.2 \times 0.36 = 0.432\text{m}^3$;
 - b. Volume of fresh water in Test Fluid C: $(947.8\text{g}/1000\text{g})$
 of Test Fluid C = $0.9478 \times 0.432 = 0.4094\text{m}^3$;
 - c. Weight of Test Fluid A: $(25\text{g}/1000\text{g})$ of Test Fluid C. =
 $25/1000 \times 0.432 \times 1000 = 10.8\text{kg}$;
 - d. Weight of Test Fluid B: $(25\text{g}/1000\text{g})$ of Test Fluid C =
 $25/1000 \times 0.432 \times 1000 = 10.8\text{kg}$;
 - e. Weight of surfactant: $(0.5\text{g}/1000\text{g})$ of Test Fluid C =
 $0.5/1000 \times 0.432 \times 1000 = 0.216\text{kg}$; and
 - f. Weight of iron oxide: $(1.7\text{g}/1000\text{g})$ of Test Fluid C) =
 $1.7/1000 \times 0.432 \times 1000 \times 0.734\text{kg}$.

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§ 162.050-21 Separator: Design specification.

(a) A separator must be designed to operate in each plane that forms an angle of 22.5° with the plane of its normal operating position.

(b) The electrical components of a separator that are to be installed in an explosive atmosphere must be approved by an independent laboratory as components that Underwriters Laboratories Standard 913 (dated April 8, 1976) (incorporated by reference, see § 162.050-4) defines as intrinsically safe

for use in a Class I, Group D hazardous location.

(c) Each separator component that is a moving part must be designed so that its movement during operation of the separator does not cause formation of static electricity.

(d) Each separator must be designed in accordance with the applicable requirements in subchapters F and J of this chapter.

(e) Each separator must be designed to be operated both automatically and manually. Each separator must be capable of operating automatically for at least 24 hours.

(f) Each separator must be designed so that adjustments to valves or other equipment are not necessary to start it.

(g) Each part of a separator that is susceptible to wear and tear must be readily accessible for maintenance in its installed position.

(h) A separator must be designed so that it does not rely in whole or in part on dilution of influent mixtures as a means of performing its function.

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§ 162.050-23 Separator: Approval tests.

(a) *Test Conditions.* (1) Each test described in this section must be performed at a throughput and influent pressure equal to the maximum throughput and pressure at which the separator being tested is designed to operate. The tests and each of the steps in the tests must be carried out in the order described in this section. Each test must be performed without time delay between steps in the test.

(2) A test rig of the type described in § 162.050-17 must be used in performing each test.

(3) If a separator has a supply pump, it must be tested using that pump. If a separator does not have a supply pump, it must be tested using the mixture pump on the test rig.

(4) The influent water used in each test must be clean fresh water or clean fresh water in solution with sodium chloride. In either case, the relative density of the water must be no greater than 1.015 at 20 °C.

(5) Each test must be conducted at an ambient temperature of between 10 °C and 30 °C.

(6) The oil content of each sample must be measured using the method described in § 162.050-39.

(7) Influent oil content must be determined during testing by measuring the flow rates of the oil and water that are mixed to form the influent or by use of an oil content meter on the inlet piping of the test rig. If an oil content meter is used, a sample of influent and a meter reading must be taken at the beginning of each test. If the meter reading is not within ± 10 percent of the oil content of the sample, the meter

readings subsequently taken during the test are unacceptable test results.

(8) When collecting a sample at a sample point that has a stop cock, the first minute of fluid flow through the stop cock must not be included in the sample collected.

(9) In each test, the separator must be operated in accordance with the procedures described in its instruction manual.

(10) No maintenance, including replacement of parts, may be performed on a separator during or between the tests described in this section.

(11) A 1 liter sample of each oil to be used in testing must be taken and provided for use in the sample analysis required by § 162.050-39.

(12) The separator may not be operated manually in Test No. 5A.

(13) If a separator has an integral bilge alarm, the separator must be tested with the bilge alarm installed.

(b) The following tests must be conducted using Test Fluid A:

(1) *Test No. 1A.* The separator is filled with water and started. Next, the separator is fed with pure Test Fluid A for at least 5 minutes and then with a mixture of Test Fluid A and water influent containing Test Fluid A content of between 5,000 and 10,000 ppm until a steady flow rate at a steady, constant ppm occurs. After the flow rate is steady, the influent is fed to the separator for 30 minutes. Samples of separated water effluent are taken after the first 10 and 20 minutes. At the end of the 30-minute period, the air cock on the test rig is opened and, if necessary, the oil and water supply valves are closed to stop the flow of influent. A sample is then taken of the separated water effluent as the effluent flow ceases.

(2) *Test No. 2A.* Repeat Test No. 1A in paragraph (b)(1) of this section using an influent containing approximately 25 percent oil and 75 percent water. Percentage is on a by volume basis.

(3) *Test No. 3A.* The separator is fed with 100 percent Test Fluid A until Fluid A is discharged at the oil discharge outlet of the separator at essentially the same rate that oil is being fed to the separator. The separator is then fed with 100 percent Test Fluid A for 5 additional minutes. If any oily